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Application of Mark J. Beitz, et al.

Art Unit 1772

Serial No. 10/039,238

Filed December 31, 2001

Confirmation No. 7291

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March 18, 2002

**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of  
Nonprovisional Application," dated February 7, 2002,  
\* enclosed is applicants' signed Declaration and Power of Attorney  
\* in the above-referenced application. A copy of the Notice is  
\* returned herewith.

\* Also enclosed is a check in payment of the filing fee,  
additional claim fee, and surcharge.

An assignment by the inventor(s) to Kimberly-Clark  
Worldwide, Inc. is being mailed today.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date Mailed: 02/07/2002

## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$102.
  - \$18 for 1 total claims over 20.
  - \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 972.

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02 FC:103	18.00 OP
03 FC:102	84.00 OP
04 FC:105	130.00 OP

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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Inventor(s) Mark J. Beitz, et al.  
Attorney Docket Number KCC 4809

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
2. ☒ Check Enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

**FEE CALCULATION**

1. ☒ BASIC FILING FEE Subtotal (1) \$ 740.00  
(Type: \_\_\_\_\_)
2. ☒ EXTRA CLAIM FEES Subtotal (2) \$ 102.00  
Total Claims 21  
Independent Claims 4  
Multiple Dependent Claims \_\_\_\_\_
3. ☒ ADDITIONAL FEES Subtotal (3) \$ 130.00  
☒ Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  
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☐ Extension for reply within \_\_\_\_\_ month  
☐ Notice of Appeal  
☐ Filing a Brief in Support of an appeal  
☐ Request for ex parte Reexamination  
☐ Petitions to the Commissioner  
☐ Submission of Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Recording each patent assignment per property  
☐ Request for Continued Examination  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** \$ 972.00

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